

Town of Rockport
Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement
Application Form

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Address _____

Age _____ Telephone _____

Income Guidelines

#of Household Members (Please circle)	Gross Annual Income
1.....	\$25,000
2.....	\$35,000

PART A

Eligibility Requirements: Please answer yes or no.

Are you a homeowner or current spouse of a homeowner in Rockport? _____

Do you own and occupy the property for which financial assistance is being requested? _____

Do you go away for extended vacations? _____ If so, please state which months you will be away. _____

PART B

Gross Annual Income in preceding calendar year _____ Family Income

IRS Form.....\$ _____

Retirement benefits.....\$ _____

(Social Security, Railroad, Federal, Massachusetts)

Other sources of income.....\$ _____

(i.e. dividends, interest, rent, wages, salary)

PART C

Job placements are available in a variety of town departments. Please indicate in which areas you would like to work.

_____ Town Hall
_____ Library
_____ Council on Aging
_____ Police
_____ Department of Public Works
_____ School

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PART D

Please list skills and past experience which might qualify you as a participant in the program.

*Priority is given to those with the most financial need.

**Please submit a copy of your current Real Estate Property Tax bill with this application.

If I qualify for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work Program, I understand that I may earn a maximum of \$750 during Fiscal Year 2009.

Signature _____ Date _____

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_____ **Granted**
Placement _____

Staff signature

_____ **Denied**
Indicate reason for
Denial _____

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Policy Statement

Purpose

The Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement will assist residents over the age of 60 with the payment of their property taxes.

Funding

The program was established at the Annual Town Meeting.

Goal

The goal is to reduce the amount of property tax for participating senior citizens by a maximum of \$750 per household.

Criteria

Participants must be Rockport residents who own and occupy their home and must be 60+ years of age. Acceptance into the program is subject to income guidelines and the ability to place the applicant in an available position. Applicants with the most financial need will receive priority in the placement process. Volunteer hours served on Committees are not eligible for the program.

Applications

Applications must be filled out completely and accompanied by a copy of the applicant's most recent tax bill. Applications may be picked up at the Selectmen's office, the Council of Aging office or mailed out by calling 978-546-6786.

Salary

The minimum wage (\$8.00) will be applied to all jobs, with a maximum earning capacity of \$750 per year. Work must be completed within a year.

Job Matching

Placements are based on the skills and interests of the applicant and the needs of the various departments. Individual preferences will be taken into consideration. It may not be possible for all applicants to get their first choice.

Training

The applicant will be informed of the expectations and responsibilities of the position assigned and trained within the department in which they were chosen to work so the job will be efficiently and effectively completed.

Termination

A letter of resignation is requested if the applicant cannot continue in the program. Applicants who do not adhere to the rules or procedures, or who do not satisfactorily perform the assigned work may be subject to dismissal.

Method of Payment

Applicants will complete a time sheet with the date and time worked. The supervisor will keep the time sheet. Services performed will be credited toward the next fiscal year's actual tax bill to the extent consistent with the program rules established by the municipality.